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Ketchum Administrative Site, Central Warehouse
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1334)
Sawtooth National Forest
117 and 119 River Street
Ketchum
Blaine County
Idaho

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Built in calendar year 1929.
2. **Architect:** Not known.
3. **Original and subaequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1929-1992; City of Ketchum, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** This building was constructed by District Ranger Arthur H. Berry and two summer helpers. Sources of funding (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b) were as follow:

<u>Costs</u>	<u>Prior 1933</u>	<u>F.Y. 1934</u>	<u>F.Y. 1935</u>
Prior 1933	\$1125.36		
ECF		\$69.13	
Impnira		121.40	\$42.00
CCC Labor		12.50	
Other		3.45	
Funds			
Total	\$1125.36	\$195.23	\$42.00

5. **Original plans and construction:** This building was not constructed according to a standard plan.

6. **Alterations and addtlons:** A gas pump was located in this building until the Gas and Oil House was constructed in 1938. A 1930's photograph shows a third standard 5-panel door in the south wall between the westernmost window and the garage doors. This was removed and the opening covered with corrugated metal at an unknown date prior to June, 1965.

B. Historical Context: The structure was constructed in 1929 and served as a central warehouse for the Ketchum Administrative Site until the site was exchanged out of federal ownership in 1992.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: The structure is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.

2. Condition of fabric: Structurally sound.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 20' x 50' (shop area 20' x 38'; storeroom 20' x 12').

2. Foundations: Concrete

3. Walls: Corrugated metal. Painted white, with green trim.

4. Structural System, framing: 2" x 4" wood stud braced frame

5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: None.

6. Chimneys: At present there is one metal chimney through the roof near the north wall, serving the wood stove located directly below it.

7. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: A photo from the mid-1930's (Anonymous n.d.a) shows a standard 5-panel door located in the south wall between the westernmost window and the double garage-type doors. This was removed sometime prior to June, 1965. Otherwise, the current arrangement of doors and windows appears to be the same as originally constructed. Large double garage-type doors were installed in both the north and south walls, opening into the main room and providing easy access to the fire equipment and gasoline tank once housed there. On the north wall were two such doors, one 7' x 7' and the other 8' by 8'. The westernmost of these garage-type door (the 7' x 7' ones) now have been sealed and the lower half walled up on the inside. In the south wall was one 7' x 7' double-door, directly opposite the one of the same size in the north wall. Each of these doors has six panes. In addition, in the south wall there remain two 5-paneled, standard doors, one opening into each of the two main rooms. All doors have been painted so that the panels and raised areas around them create a decorative effect.

b. Windows and shutters: There are two 12-pane horizontal sliders and one 6-pane fixed-sash window in the north wall; and two 12-pane horizontal fixed-sash windows and one 12-pane horizontal slider in the south wall. The east and west ends are similar, each end having two 6-pane, fixed-sash windows on the main floor and one 16-pane two-sash window without mullion on the attic level. The attic windows were installed in 1930. At present there is a vent fan in the south wall between the garage doors and the western of the two standard doors. This is not shown in photos from June, 1965 or before.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering:** The roof is gabled, with 2" x 6" rafters. The roof covering is corrugated metal, originally painted C.P.C. light green and now is still painted green.
- b. Cornice, eaves:** Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.
- c. Dormers, cupolas, towers:** None.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans:

- a. Basement:** None.

b. First floor: The initial purpose of this building was to have a place to store fire fighting equipment, other supplies, and hay for horses. This building has two main rooms. The larger is 20' x 38'. A gas pump was located in this room until the Gas and Oil House (Building No. 1332) was built in 1938. Also in the southwest corner of this room a 5' x 5' toilet room was boxed in during 1931. This room is still present, but the plumbing is not. In 1935, fire tool compartments took up five feet of the west end of the larger of the two main rooms. These are no longer present, but have been replaced with shelving extending out from the west wall. The smaller of the two main rooms measured 20' x 12' was boxed in during 1931. It was used originally as a tool room and carpentry shop. At present it is used for tool storage, with racks and compartments built on the east wall.

c. Second floor: There is an attic, which is unfinished except for a rough floor in the eastern end. Some of the floor boards are old Forest Service signs, or pieces of signs.

2. Stairways: None. A ladder to the attic is attached to the east wall of the larger of the two main rooms, located to the north of the doorway to the smaller of the two main rooms.

3. Flooring: Flooring in the larger of the two main rooms is unpainted 2" x 12" boards running east-west. The flooring in the bathroom was replaced in 1975. The smaller of the two main rooms has unpainted 1" x 4" fir flooring running north south over subflooring.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: In 1931 the two main rooms were lined and ceiled with 1" x 8" shiplap nailed horizontally on the walls and east-west on the ceiling. The east wall of the bathroom is finished on the outside (the main room side) with vertical boards and battens; the north wall is of 1" x 12" boards nailed horizontally to the inside (bathroom side) of the 2" x 4" frame. In 1935 the interior of this warehouse was not yet painted, but light gray paint was planned. At present the walls and ceiling of the larger of the two main rooms are white; the smaller of the two main rooms remains unpainted. Recent unpainted wooden shelves have been installed along the western half of the north wall of the larger of the two main rooms as well as down the center of this room at the western end. There are tool racks and compartments along the east wall of the smaller of the two main rooms.

5. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: The door between the two main rooms is made of horizontal 1" x 8" shiplap, with vertical and diagonal braces of the same. The door to the bathroom is made of vertical boards and battens to match the wall. A small trap door to the attic is located in the ceiling in the northeast corner of the larger of the two main rooms.

b. Windows: None.

6. Decorative features and trim: None.

7. Hardware: None notable.

8. Mechanical equipment:

a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation: At present there is one wood-burning stove in this warehouse near the north wall of the larger of the two main rooms. A new stove pipe was installed in 1985. To the west of the stove is a woodbox, painted light green. There is no air conditioning.

b. Lighting: At present the larger of the two main rooms has fluorescent lighting; the small room has incandescent.

c. Plumbing: Originally water was supplied to the warehouse via a 1" pipe buried three feet underground from the well drilled in 1932. The system also was connected to that of the Ketchum Spring Water Supply Company, which could be used when the pump failed. In 1931 a cesspool was dug 5 feet from the south wall of this warehouse to serve the flush toilet in that building. The cesspool was covered with a concrete slab reinforced with iron. Subsequently the warehouse relied on the municipal water and sewer system. At present there is no plumbing.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: This structure is located along the north-central edge of the compound, with the long axis of the building running east-west. See attached site plan.

2. Historic landscape design: See "Historical Sketch of the Ketchum Administrative Site," above.

3. Outbuildings: Seven other structures are a part of this complex. Each is documented separately.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Original Architectural Drawings: None.

B. Early Views: One photo of this structure taken in the mid-1930's is in Anonymous n.d.a. A June, 1965 photo (with negative) is on file at the Ketchum District office.

C. Interviews None.

D. Bibliography

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Anonymous

n.d.a

"Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].

n.d.b

"Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Ketchum building descriptions to 1939].

Berry, Arthur H.

1931

[December 23, 1931 letter to Forest Supervisor describing construction of "Ketchum Tool House and Garage," which is the "Ketchum Central Warehouse" of the present documentation].

2. Secondary and published sources: None.

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. Supplemental Material: Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, June 15, 1989. Drawings and floor plan by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

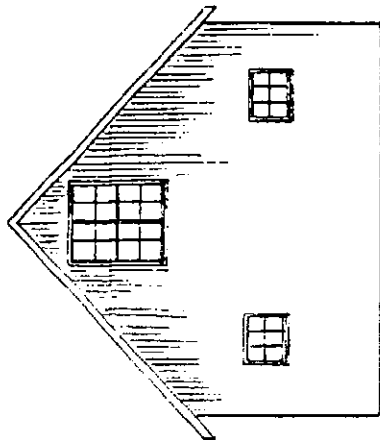
IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Purpose of Documentation

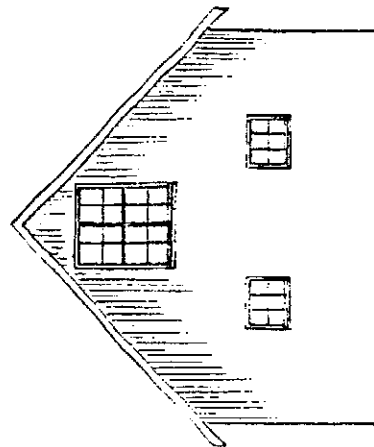
1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

B. Report Preparation

2. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September-October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.

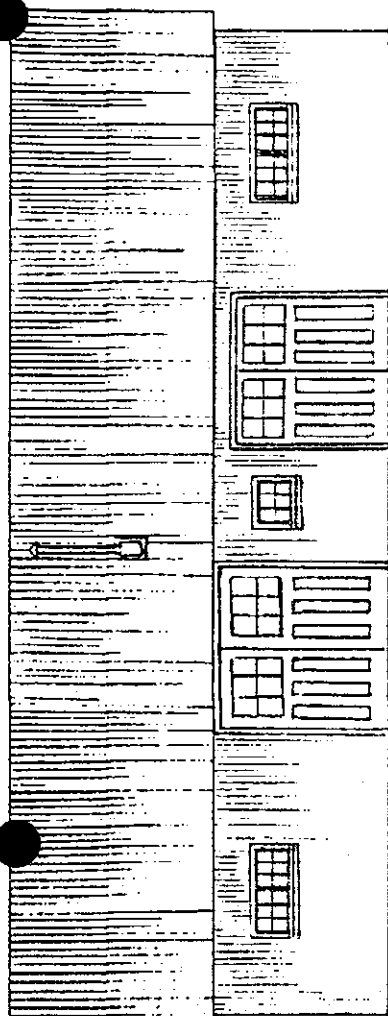


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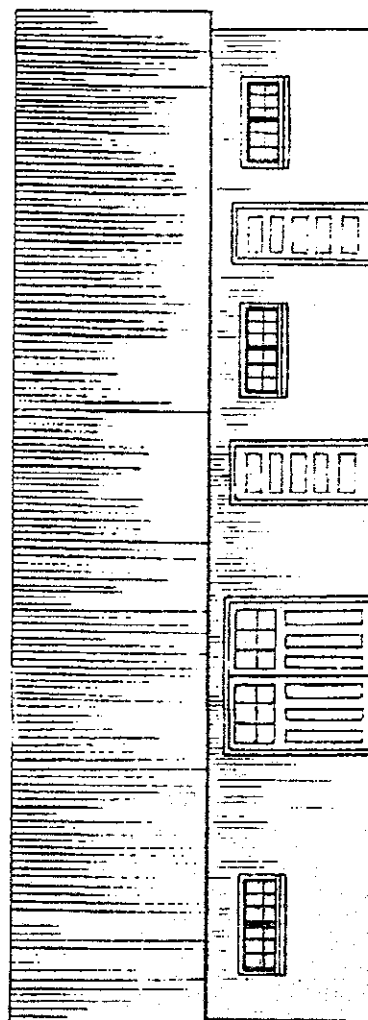


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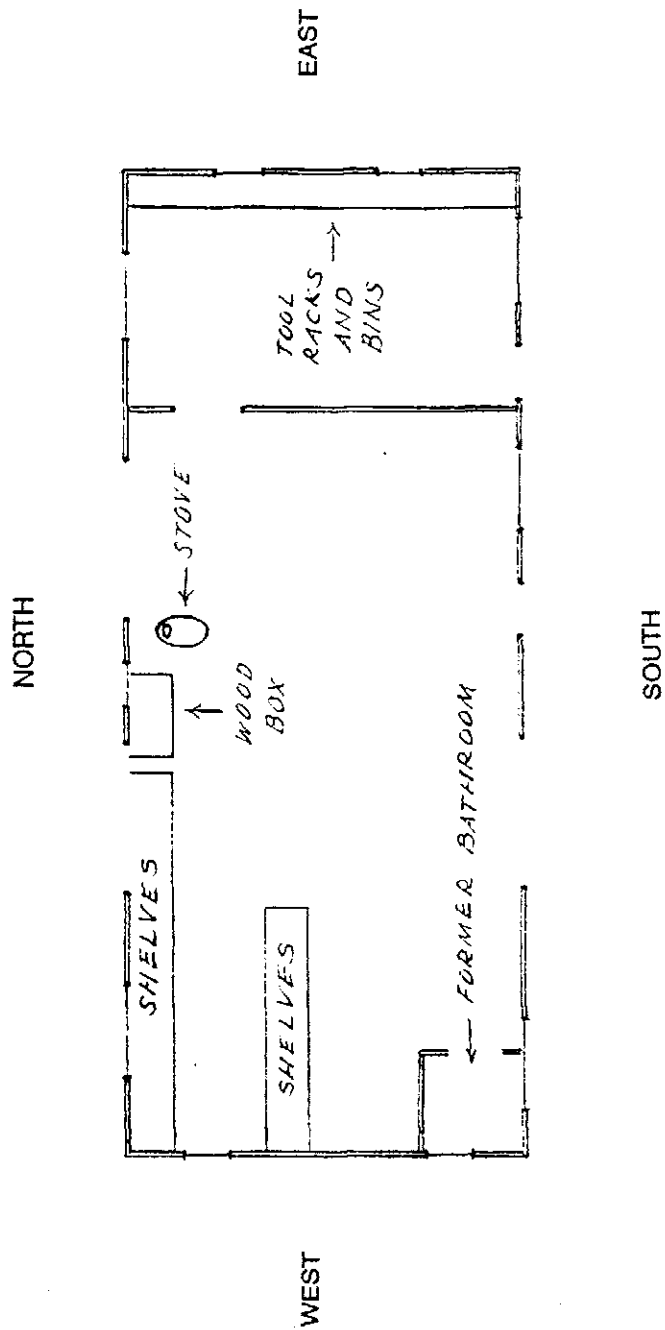
NORTH WALL



SOUTH WALL

SCALE: 1" = 10'

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FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992

SCALE: 1" = 10'